1	2	3	4	5
5.	M/s. Target Marine & Engg. (P) Ltd.	M/s. Silver Oceanic Co. Ltd., Thailand	2 stem trawlers	120.2M^3/each
6.	M/s. Leela Seafoods (P) Ltd.	M/s. Sopachoka fishing Co. Ltd., Thailand	4 second hand stern trawlers	72, 70, 65, 65 M» respectively
7.	M/s. Shiv Ganga fisheries	M/s. Chebance Mercem Ballery M/s. Coftepecha, France	1 tuna purse seiner	1100 M^3

*The proposal was approved subject to the clearance from Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Defence.

Footwear exports

779. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration keeping in view the requirement of footwear exports t_0 establish an Air Cargo Complex facilities at Agra;

(b) if so, whether any consultations,, have been made in this regard with the Council for Leather Exports, Madras and the National Airports Authority, so far; and

(c) if so, by when a decision in likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) A suggestion for setting up Air Cargo Complex at Agra has been received and the same is being examined in consultation with all concerned.

Indo-Romanlan trade plan

780. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Indo-Romanian trade plan for calendar year 1992 has been signed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether some target for import and export to Romania has been fixed in the agreement;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether any tentative list of items for import and export to Romania has been finalised; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) The Indo-Romanian Trade Plan signed at Bucharest on 21st January, 1992 provides for a total turnover of Rs. 5100 million (Imports from Romania worth Rs. 2700 million and exports to Romania worth Rs. 2400 million). The major items of imports from .Romania are capital goods, machinery, machine tools, ball, rollers and taper bearings, rolled and steel products, casings, pipes, railway equipment, fertilizers, PVC, Poly-thylene etc. The major items of exports to Romania by India are soya and other extractions iron-ore and iron-ore pellets, manganese ore, engineering goods, deter-gents, tooth-paste, cosmetics, kitchen ware,

bathroom, fittings, tiles, electric bulbs & tubes and stationery items.

Discussion of Cuban Trade Delegation

781. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Cuban Trade Delegation visited India recently to have discussion with his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) which are the foodgrains as requested by the delegation for import to Cuba have been exported and also the quantity thereof;

(d) what is the price of different qualities of rice that we have sold to different countries last year; and

(e) what is the price of rice sold to different Latin American Countries and what are the terms offered to Cubans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (a) A Cuban trade delegation visited India during February, 1992 with a request for supply of 5 lakh tonnes of wheat and 1 lakh tonne of rice to Cuba. It has not been possible to accede to the Cuban request for the present.

(d) The minimum export price of rice sold to different countries during 1990-91 was Rs. 9,500/- PMT for Basmati and Rs. 6000/- per MT for Non-Basmati.

(e) The average unit value realisation of rice sold to Peru, Brazil and Panama have been Rs. 6070, Rs. 6030 and Rs. 6050 per MT respectively during 1991-92.

782. *[Transferred to the* 13rt *March,* 1992.]

Invitation of foreign companies into marine sector

783. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry and its agencies like MPEDA are actively inviting foreign companies into the marine sector;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many such deals would deplete our marine resources; and

(c) whether such deals are concluded after consultation and coordination with the nodal Ministry concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRT P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Indian EEZ has vast untapped resources.

(c) Yes, Sir. Decisions are taken after necessary consultation with all Ministries concerned.

Import of rubber

784. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any request for increasing the bench mark price of rubber;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon;

(c) whether there is any proposal to import natural rubber; and

(d) if so, what is the quantum of rubber to be imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The existing Bench Mark Price of Rs. 21,450 per metric tonne for natural rubber (RMA-4 Grade) was fixed on 15th January, 1991. Subsequent to this, there have been representations from growers' Associations etc. for revising the Bench Mark Price. Accordingly, the Cost Accounts Branch (CAB) of the Ministry of Finance, who were advised to conduct a fresh cost study, have submitted their recommendations which are being processed in consultation with the concerned authorities.